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Jocelyn and Joseph:

We have received notice of the scheduling of two night hearings in the referenced docket. We were instructed to provide, by March 1, 2019, all customers notice by U.S. mail of the night hearings. We have investigated the logistics of complying with those instructions and I am writing to request approval of an alternative means of providing notice. The situation is similar to the logistical problem we recently wrote you about in Docket 2018-319-E.

The Company typically provides written notice to customers by bill inserts during a monthly billing cycle. That method of providing notice is not possible in this case because it would not be completed in

time. We don't have an estimate of the expense of providing a separate notice for the DEP case but, as in the DEC situation, we think that the cost of a separate mailing would be excessive in light of the alternative approach that we are proposing based on our recent experience in Docket No. 2018-319-E.

We request that DEP be allowed to provide notice following the procedure authorized in Standing Hearing Officer Directive No. 2019-15-H, dated February 13, 2019 issued in Docket No. 2018-319-E. That directive allowed DEC to provide notice of three night hearings by using the Company's automated calling system and by providing notice on the Company's website. We request approval of a similar method of giving notice of the two night hearings for the current DEP case. The calls would go to all customers in DEP service territory in South Carolina, the message would list both night hearings and the calls would be completed by March 1, 2019. The script that we propose to use is the following:

This message is to inform you that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina has scheduled two public hearings in response to the application filed by Duke Energy Progress, LLC to adjust and increase its rates and charges. The two hearings will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Florence County Council Chambers at 180 N. Irby Street, Suite, MCS-G, Florence, South Carolina and on Tuesday April 2, 2019 at Nettles Auditorium at USC Sumter, 200 Miller Road, Sumter South Carolina.

The same information will be posted on the Company's website.

I am able to report that the automated calls for the DEC case are going well and will be completed on time.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and please let us know of any questions.

Frank



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